CITY OF DELTONA, FLORIDA PARKS & RECREATION CITIZEN ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE **REGULAR MEETING** Thursday, March 17, 2011 A Regular Meeting of the Citizen Accessibility Advisory Sub-Committee was held on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at the City of Deltona in the First Floor Kitchen area at 2345 Providence Blvd., Deltona, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:55pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

18	Citizen Accessibility Chairperson	Julio De Leon	Present
19	Citizen Accessibility Vice Chairperson	Yaitza Denizac	Present
20	Citizen Accessibility Member	Kathy Andrews	Absent
21	Citizen Accessibility Member	Micky Beauregard	Present
22	Citizen Accessibility Member	Patsy Dockery	Present
23	Citizen Accessibility Member	Thomas G. Dockery	Present
24	Citizen Accessibility Member	Karen Langston	Excused
25	Citizen Accessibility Member	Joy Primack	Present
26	Citizen Accessibility Member	Sandy Primack	Present
27	Citizen Accessibility Member	Debra Wert	Present

Also present: Steve Moore, Director and Marlene Brown, Administrative Assistant, Parks and Recreation Department.

3. SILENT INVOCATION:

The Chair asked for a moment of silent invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

 Motion by Tom Dockery, seconded by Debra Wert to approve the Regular Minutes of February 24, 2011. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The following flyers/information were distributed to the members: Schedule of Events for April which included the Deltona Spring Fest, Volunteer Reception, Concert in the Amphitheater, Eggstravaganza, Arbor Day and the Relay for Life event. The other flyers included the Farmers Market with the time change and the Foreclosure Prevention Workshops.

Mrs. Brown asked the committee members to let her know if they were going to volunteer for the Eggstravaganza event. Tom, Patsy, Joy and Sandy agreed to work.

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Ms. Beauregard advised that she had spoken to her Salsa contact to see if he was interested in coming to the market.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were no citizens present.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Wrap-up: 2011 Ability Fair:

The members were given the Ability Fair Cost for the event, the list of vendors and the generous door prizes they donated, comments from the vendors and the Survey results.

The members talked about the success of the Ability Fair. Fifty-two (52) vendors were registered; there were thirty-eight (38) paid vendors and eleven (11) vendors allowed at no charge. These included our sponsors, the Health Department, DCF and the Sheriff Department. Five (5) vendors were unable to attend so there were forty-seven (47) vendors with an attendance of over 646 people. All the committee members were pleased with the vendors and attendance turnout as well as the generous door prizes donated by each vendor. Patsy Dockery was thanked for getting giveaways from Deland Nissan and the Olive Garden. They were pleased that this event continues to grow each year. They wished there was more space to accommodate all the vendors who wanted to attend.

The committee members talked about things that needed to be changed for next year's event. It was suggested that maybe one sponsor could pay for the newspaper advertising. Mr. Moore mentioned that maybe Sir Gus could be eliminated for next year due to the Shriners rising cost, the fact that Sir Gus did not seem to be as popular or get as much visitors as in previous years and he did not arrive until an hour after the start of the event.

Yaitza mentioned that she was pleased to see some young people in attendance at the event, including 2 high school students.

Micky was thanked for processing the survey forms so quickly so that the results could be made available at this meeting. The results revealed that some people thought this event was actually a job fair. Mrs. Wert said some of the attendees had asked for a list of all the vendors who were at the event and it was suggested that maybe this list could be made available at the welcome table for next year. Some mentioned the crowded aisles. Mrs. Brown advised that some vendors with display equipment needed to be in different locations, but because they had not responded to her emails asking if they had special needs, she had no way of knowing where to place them. Next year the aisle closest to the entrance will be made a bit wider and she now knows who needs to be placed away from the entrance.

The members were pleased with the positive comments received from the City Manager, the vendors and the public.

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Yaitza said she had met a lady whose daughter has epilepsy and does face painting. She wanted to talk with her to see if she had an interest in participating at next year's event, possibly donating her service.

Comments were made that Home Depot did not arrive on time which created some last minute moving around to accommodate their large cabinet display which was supposed to be on the patio. When the team arrived, they decided they did not want to utilize the patio but to be in the chambers instead so tables had to be re-labeled, vendors had to be moved around, and the layout had to be temporarily shifted so they could set-up. That was not an ideal situation when vendors were already setting up.

They had also offered to donate Home Depot bags to be given away and these were needed ahead of time to stuff with items for the public. Some bags were donated a few days before the event and the rest were brought in the morning of the event which did not allow the committee members enough time to stuff them with giveaways, so they were handed out as is to the attendees. It was also observed that only about 80 bags were donated. The members did not like the fact that everything was done last minute by the Home Depot and we had to constantly stay on top of Bill, their representative, who had known for a year exactly when this event would take place. This year was no different as committee members had to make trips to the store to connect with Bill to ensure that the items he agreed to donate would arrive in time.

There was some discussion about soliciting Lowe's as a sponsor for next year. Mrs. Brown will be sending thank you letters to the businesses who donated giveaways and door prizes.

It was also decided that next year the committee members would work on a rotation schedule – greeting the people, escorting the vendors to their table (which will require a floor plan), handing out bags, counting the number of people who attended, calling out the numbers for door prizes, working in the kitchen area, etc. Everyone rotating off a chore will need to make sure that the position is filled by someone else before they leave their assignment.

8. <u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>

a. By Laws:

A copy of this committee's By Laws was given to the members. Mr. Moore advised that this would be reviewed by the City Commission at their upcoming workshop on March 29th.

9. **DIRECTOR COMMENTS:**

Mr. Moore talked a little about the Thornby Loop which will tie in to the existing trailhead. He had a map with the layout (see below) which he used to explain the various sections of the Loop. He said a trail would be put in which would be paved in some areas only, due to wetlands. A 10' wide sidewalk would be continued down from the 7-Eleven gas station and tied into the front of the Thornby Park; a trail would be put through the woods to make a

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trailhead to an existing trail coming out of Thornby Park, utilizing an existing sidewalk to the Deltona Community Center and connecting to Green Springs Park. He explained that we will be partnering with Volusia County for this project and stated that this will be done with grant money.



He thanked all the members for their part in helping to make the Ability Fair such a success.

10. <u>COMMITTEE COMMENTS:</u>

Patsy said she enjoyed the Ability Fair and helping to get everything together. Micky mentioned that there is a statewide Disability Awareness Day on March 23rd and said that UCP would be participating. She indicated that it was a free event to educate the community and encouraged the members to attend.

Yaitza said she was happy that there were young people at the fair. She is still very happy with Thornby Park.

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Julio stated that this was his first time at the Ability Fair and he thought it was a very positive experience. Sandy talked about Habitat for Humanity and a Youth United Program they have to get young people to work together in their communities. 11. NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 5:45 p.m. in the first floor kitchen. 12. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Motion by Yaitza Denizac, seconded by Patsy Dockery to adjourn. The Motion was unanimously approved. Approved this _____ day of April, 2011. Julio DeLeon, Chair ATTEST: Steve Moore Director, Parks and Recreation Citizen Accessibility Advisory Sub Committee